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FOR CONGRESS
23rd District of Florida

August 3, 2005

Mr. J. Cameron Thurber
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Attorney Thurber:

The Hastings for Congress Campaign Committee sends the following response to Complaint MUR #5512.

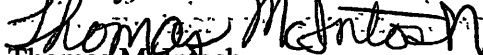
The complaint alleges that the "Hastings for Congress Committee" was involved in the following violations:

- a) The group never registered as a federal or state political organization.
- b) There is no accounting of contributions.
- c) No record-keeping, treasurer's reports, or expenditure reports were maintained or exists.
- d) Workers were paid in cash, while some have not been paid at all.
- e) The disclaimers as required by federal and state election laws fraudulently listed a number of persons as those who "paid for and approved" the guide, even though many had no knowledge of it.
- f) Justices who sit on the Florida Supreme Court were listed on the guides without their written permission or knowledge of it.
- g) Incumbent elected officials titles were listed on the guides as "paying for and approving" the guides, and also listed as the endorsees.
- h) The word "for" was not used next to the incumbent's names.
- i) No prior written permission was obtained to use the name of candidates.
- j) Candidates were solicited and required to pay for endorsements.
- k) The respondents, a political organization, operated out the offices of a non-profit organization.
- l) Cash payments were paid to campaign workers.

To each and every allegation of the complaint the Hastings for Congress committee answers as follows:

The Committee did not solicit or cause to be solicited any monies for the production of a voter guide and had no knowledge regarding this allegation or any other allegations alleged in the complaint.

Sincerely,



Thomas McIntosh
Treasurer



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